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CHAMBER WIRES ICKES ITS APPROVAL OF WATER LOAN

Directors Oppose Work Week of Five Six-Hour Days and Unemployment Insurance Plan As Untimely Legislation

By L. J. GILMEISTER, Secretary

At the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, held last Monday, March 5, Mayor Ludlow addressed the group in behalf of the city of Torrance in its efforts to secure federal funds for the purpose of establishing a municipally-owned water system.

The application for membership in the Torrance Chamber by the Torrance elementary school, William M. Bell, Jr., representative, was approved.

The board of directors adopted a resolution in opposition to HR-7202, the Connery Bill, providing for a maximum of 30 hours of labor per week, that is five six-hour days, subject to modification by the President in specific cases of inability to comply; providing further that there should be no reduction of weekly earnings by virtue of the lesser work week and setting up an equal number of labor representatives with industrialists on Code Authorities.

While it is understood that this is not an administration measure and that General Johnson is not sponsoring it, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in its letter to our senators and congressmen reporting its action pointed out that the Torrance district had supported in every way the recovery program and was still in favor of the highest possible wage for labor that industry and business can bear, as necessary to increase purchasing power, but that the proposed reduction of hours without lowering present wages would increase labor costs 33 1/3 per cent.

Doubt was expressed that prices could be increased to cover the added cost without reducing purchasing power, impeding business recovery and thus defeat any good purpose.

It was definitely recommended that hours and wages of labor be left to adjustment between industry and the N. R. A., where such matters are placed by the National Industrial Recovery Act.

The board of directors adopted another resolution to our senators and congressmen against the unemployment insurance plan. The board expressed sympathy with the general purpose of this legislation under more stable and prosperous times, but declared emphatically against the proposed excise tax of five per cent upon payrolls of persons receiving less than \$50 per month to be levied against employers of ten persons or more for 20 or more calendar weeks within a taxable year, effective July 1, 1935.

Besides pointing out objectionable features of the bills, the board declared against the imposition of this burden upon employers during the present desperate effort to expand employment and characterized it as a threat to the recovery program. It is held that when more normal economic conditions have returned and there is some opportunity for the employer class to establish reserves for such a purpose without threaten-

Who Remembers When

A local factory made a set of tires for a racing car owned by a famous road race driver? A local company was given the first contract to manufacture Diesel engines in the United States? What individual purchased the first lot in Torrance? The second fire occurred in Torrance and where? The first meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Los Angeles county was held here?

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S WRW

The dust storm that caused householders to make use of shovels in cleaning the bathtubs occurred in the spring of 1913. The hall used for all public gatherings, entertainments and meetings, was called the Campbell Hall, and was located on El Prado. It is now known as the Erwin Hotel.

\*\*\* HOUR PARKING \*\*\* ON SARTORI AVE. \*\*\* IS PROPOSED \*\*\* One-hour parking on Sartori avenue between Marcellina and El Prado will be enforced if the ordinance submitted by Councilman Wright at Tuesday night's council meeting is approved at the next meeting. Councilman Wright also proposed that parking in front of chain stores in this block be limited to 20 minutes, but this provision in the proposed ordinance was eliminated by vote of other councilmen.

See Hope For Early Approval of Water Loan

Cancellation of \$2,500,000 Funds to County May Benefit Torrance

The application of the City of Torrance for a \$275,000 loan and grant from the federal Public Works Administration with which to construct a new municipal water system is now undergoing examination in the several divisions of the PWA in Washington, according to word received yesterday by Mayor Scott Ludlow from R. W. Crawford, executive assistant of the administrator.

The Washington communication came in response to a letter dispatched by Mayor Ludlow to Secretary of the Interior Harold E. Ickes two weeks ago, and said in part:

"Your application was received in Washington on January 31, and as the total appropriation of \$3,300,000,000 has already been exhausted, no allocation of funds to this project can be made at the present.

"We are filing copies of your letter in the docket for the information of our examiners reviewing this application.

"The examination of this application is continuing in the several divisions of the Public Works Administration, and if final reports on this application indicate that the project is eligible for a loan and grant, it will be placed on the agenda for future approval, when, and if, additional funds are made available."

When Col. Henry M. Walte, key man in the Public Works Administration in Washington, was in Los Angeles two weeks ago, he indicated that the \$2,500,000 fund which had been allocated to Los Angeles county for the erection of a county office building would be cancelled due to the fact that the county had not passed a bond issue to cover the loan as was promised. Col. Walte stated that it was the policy of the administration to re-allocate such funds in the same district, and Mayor Ludlow and others working with him, are re-doubling their efforts at this time to secure the Torrance loan out of this \$2,500,000 which is to be re-allocated. A number of communications have been sent to Washington urging action along these lines. The Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club and the Torrance Woman's Club have also telegraphed Secretary Ickes urging approval of the loan.

Mayor Ludlow, City Engineer Leonard and Grover C. Whyte, editor of the Torrance Herald, also took up the matter directly with Col. Walte when he was in Los Angeles two weeks ago.

Paper Mill to Employ 100 Men May Locate Here

L. A. Firm Seeks Permission to Erect \$200,000 Mill at El Prado and Western

Plans for the construction of a paper mill for the manufacture of roofing and building papers in Torrance were disclosed at the Torrance city council meeting Tuesday night when J. C. Smith, real estate dealer, asked permission of the city to grant an easement over the property used as a city yard on El Prado and Western avenue for the erection of a conveyor. Smith stated that the parties he represented owned property on both sides of the city yard, and planned to erect a two-story building on one side of the city property and a one-story structure on the other side. They sought permission to connect the two buildings with an overhead conveyor, Smith stated. The matter was referred to committee.

The proposed paper mill will involve an investment of \$200,000 and would employ 100 men, Mr. Smith informed the city council. He stated that the parties he represented were from Los Angeles.

Kingsley First In Examination For County Post

Former Torrance Man Probable Appointee Under Civil Service

W. Harold Kingsley, former managing editor of the Long Beach Sun, will probably retain his position as the public relations man for the county charities department by virtue of his being ranked first in the civil service examination given to five applicants for the position about three weeks ago. Kingsley held a temporary appointment to the position for six months before the examination.

The three who finished first in the test are eligible for the appointment which will be made in the near future by Earl E. Jensen, superintendent of charities. Samuel H. Fisher, editor of the Wilmington Journal, ranked second in the examination while Victor L. Short of Los Angeles, a former Nebraska editor, was third. The position pays \$550 a month less the cut of 14 1/2 per cent which was put in effect a year ago in the pay of county employees for this class of work. Seven persons had submitted applications to take the test but only five of these actually took it.

Supreme Court Hears Arguments In Tedesco Case

The California supreme court today had under submission the plea of counsel for Charles D. Tedesco, Redondo Beach cobbler that his conviction for murder be set aside. Tedesco was convicted last fall of the brutal murder of John W. Whitehead, near Torrance, on the night of July 18.

Tedesco's attorney recited that three persons had keys to Tedesco's shop—Tedesco, Whitehead and "a man whom nobody seemed to know much about."—the seven justices in staid black robes were told before a crowded courtroom. The attorney sought to show that there was not "a reasonable doubt" but what Whitehead had been murdered by "someone else," that there were irregularities in the trial.

Heads of Torrance Family Are Stranded In Eastern States; Money Needed to Bring Them Home

Will you help to bring back to Torrance a man and woman stranded by misfortune in the east, and so help to reunite a family? Four little children need their parents. Money is necessary to provide railroad fares for these deserving people, and it is up to the employed citizens of Torrance to see that the money is raised.

A short time ago, the mother of the family who reside on Grandperry avenue, was called east to the bedside of her dying father.

On the way, in company with relatives, an automobile accident stricken the woman and her year-old child. The child died. The woman is stranded there without funds. On receipt of the news of the accident, the husband started east by stage, but after five days his money gave out and he was stranded in Arizona, unable either to reach his wife or to return home.

The four children of the couple who were left at home are being cared for by a married sister, who has been forced to take a leave of absence from her employment.

In order to look after them, and they are being supplied with the necessities of life by the Unemployed Relief Association of which the father is a member.

This pitiful case demands immediate action and the Torrance Herald will start the ball rolling with a subscription of Torrance men and women of Torrance who are employed, this is your opportunity to do a charitable deed. The people in question are deserving and their necessities are great. Will you do your part by subscribing at least a small sum towards this enterprise.

Send your contributions to this office and as soon as the required amount is received it will be forwarded immediately to hasten the return journey of a grief-stricken and deserving pair.

Gala Fiesta At Pueblo to Mark Opening of Playground Saturday

Torrance will have its first Mexican fiesta next Saturday.

In connection with the opening of the playgrounds at the Pueblo, arrangements have been made to make this a gala event, with Mexican orchestras, hillbilly entertainers, Indian dancers, street dancing, Mexican costumes and all the attributes of a first class celebration. Musicians and entertainers will be brought from Los Angeles for the affair.

The affair will start in the afternoon and continue during the evening. A street in the Pueblo will be roped off for the entertainment, and the residents of that section are preparing to do their best to make it a typical fiesta day.

Torrance citizens are invited to participate, come early and stay late, as this affair is not only for the residents of the Pueblo but for the community in general.

New workers are being added to the personnel in charge of recreation centers in Torrance, and the project will soon be ready to take care of all comers. At Walteria, the old lumber yard has been secured as a recreation center. Work on cleaning up the grounds started there this week.

CWA Workers Are Laid Off At City Park

Few Details to Be Completed Here Out of City Funds

As the result of orders from CWA headquarters, in line with the demobilization program now in effect, all men who have been employed on park and other CWA projects in Torrance are now working their last shift here.

Tomorrow will see the conclusion of CWA work here and some of those who have been employed will be transferred to other projects still open.

Work at the municipal park, which has been done under the CWA program, will stop for the present, with the exception of the finishing of a few details which will be done by two or three men who will be paid out of the limited city funds.

The outdoor fireplaces will be finished, and some other work will be done, but the greater part of the work which is still to be completed will be held up. Work on the Torrance boulevard parkway will also be delayed until other arrangements can be made.

Around the Council Table

City business was conducted in a short and snappy fashion Tuesday night, due to the necessity of Mayor Ludlow attending another meeting following the city council session.

Final adoption of the ordinance permitting quarantining of dogs and other animals in the event of an epidemic of rabies was accomplished without opposition.

Twenty dollars was appropriated from the promotion fund to purchase music for a municipal boys' band.

Permit to market farm products grown by the agricultural class at the Torrance high school was granted. The vegetable stand will be located at the southeast corner of Arlington avenue and Plaza del Amo.

Preston S. Foster was granted permission to operate a mattress shop at 1103 Cravens avenue.

Salary of the city clerk was set at \$200 and that of the city treasurer at \$50 for the next four years, both of which are the same as at present. The bonds required from these two officials were also left as at present; City clerk, \$1000; city treasurer, \$36,000.

Councilman Klusman moved to rescind the council's previous action to submit the civil service proposition to voters at the April 9 election, because he claimed such a proposal was contrary to the state law. The motion lost for want of a second. City attorney stated that there was no such state statute prohibiting the organization of a civil service commission for firemen and policemen in sixth class cities, and that the only way such an alleged violation of the state law could be substantiated would be by a test case in the courts.

Three More File For City Offices

Three additional petitions of candidates seeking office at the municipal election, April 9, were filed this week, bringing the list so far to 15. The three new petitions were filed by:

JOSEPH M. WRIGHT, for re-election on the city council for the full four-year term.

W. E. BOWEN, for city treasurer.

FANNY C. KING, for city treasurer.

Those filed to date are: For city council, four-year term—John V. Murray, Thomas J. Wilkes and Joseph M. Wright. For city council, two-year term—Wm. H. Tolson, Robert J. Leasing and Lloyd C. Conner. For city clerk—A. H. Bartlett, Charles A. Curtis, Harry W. Beach and Alfred Gourdier. For city treasurer—Harry H. Dole, E. N. Tomkins, W. E. Bowen, B. F. Townsend and Fanny C. King.

Neither Councilmen James Hitchcock nor Wm. H. Stanger, have filed for re-election as yet, and it is not definitely known whether they will be candidates. However, a number of others are said to be seriously considering filing petitions. Councilman Wm. T. Klusman secured three petitions this week, following the council meeting Tuesday night, and boasted that "these are the three that will be elected."

Supervisors Set Up \$70,000 For Work On Blvd.

Funds with which to pay the contractors who are to improve, grade and widen the Torrance boulevard between the business section and Redondo Beach were set up Wednesday by the supervisors, in the amount of \$70,000.

Of the total, \$35,000 is to be expended within the city limits of Torrance, \$28,700 to finance the improvement through unincorporated territory, and \$6,300 for the short link within the city of Redondo Beach. The funds were taken from the special road improvement fund, fourth supervisory district, according to the resolution adopted by the board. The Public Works Administration made an outright grant for the balance of the cost of the project.

REDONDO MAN IS KILLED IN PECULIAR ACCIDENT MONDAY

Passenger On Street Car Derailed By Truck Is Crushed Under Parked Car As He Joins Crowd In Street

James A. Street, age 63, residing at 115 Ruby street, Redondo Beach, met death in a peculiar accident at Hawthorne and Electric avenues, Torrance, about 7:14 o'clock Monday morning, when his crushed body was found under an overturned Ford coupe belonging to P. J. Farley, 337 East 35th street, Los Angeles.

Street, who has been employed by a refrigerating concern in Los Angeles, was en route to work on board Pacific Electric car No. 886, which was one of a two-car train bound from Redondo to the city.

During the heavy fog which prevailed Monday morning, a truck and trailer laden with filter-ceil, a silica product, driven by F. W. Barnes of Longbeach, crashed into the street car, knocking it from the tracks. Because the way was blocked when he came along Farley parked his coupe near the scene of the accident, in which no one was injured. Fifteen minutes after the first crash, an oil truck driven by Earl R. McKenney, 7120 Wieck avenue, Bell, appeared out of the fog and in an effort to avoid the crowd which had gathered the driver swerved to the side of the street where his truck struck Farley's coupe and turned it over.

When the coupe was righted, Street's body was found beneath it. He was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital but died on the way.

Although a number of people had gathered at the scene of the crash, no one appears to have witnessed the actual occurrence in which Street met his death.

An inquest to inquire into the facts was held Tuesday afternoon at Redondo Beach.

Street is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen Street; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Topple, of West Los Angeles and Mrs. Elmer Ludwick, of La Brea; and a son, James Street, Jr., of Detroit, Michigan.

The body was removed to the Ralph William Allen funeral home at Redondo Beach, where funeral services will be held.

Blond Burglar of Palos Verdes Is In Custody

Depredations Over a Period of Months Cleared By Arrest of Boy

After months of vigilance and investigation on the part of local officers in the Palos Verdes Estates and deputies from the sheriff's sub-station No. 3, the famous "blond burglar" of the Palos Verdes was picked up and identified Tuesday afternoon March 6, after he had pulled two more jobs in that section.

The "blond burglar," so known because of his fair complexion, turned out to be a young lad 18 years of age, whose appearance is anything but burglarious.

He is William Virgil Morgan, and gives his place of residence as the Holmquist Hotel, Wilmington.

Five counts of burglary were filed against Morgan in the Lomita township justice court today. There are at least 12 other counts on house burglary, according to Deputy Sheriff S. W. Kiracofe, against the lad, for which complaints will not be filed. They include six more burglaries in the Palos Verdes Estates, four in Wilmington and two in San Pedro, covering a period of one and one-half years.

Complaining witnesses in the five counts are Donald E. Marshall, 2845 Paseo del Campo, whose home was entered December 21, 1932; James E. Buchanan, 652 Via del Monte, January 29, 1934; David L. Roberts, 710 Via del Monte, and Charles D. Gifford, 714 Via del Monte, burglarized on March 6, and Chester H. Sherrer, barber of San Pedro, from whose home at 1845 Via Frasuta, Palos Verdes Estates, were taken a \$125 Eastman motion picture machine, an automatic pistol and a man's watch.

A considerable amount of the loot was recovered, stated Deputy Kiracofe, exhibiting a big collection of fancy pistols, watches, diamond rings, motion picture machine, and jewelry of all descriptions.

Morgan was picked up by Officer Woolsey on duty at the Palos Verdes station.

Do Torrance Industries or Commercial Firms Need Money? Asks Federal Reserve Governor

As a guide in determining the amount of funds desired by industry and commerce in expanding or continuing present employment in Torrance and throughout the nation, Governor Calkins of the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco has telegraphed the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for an estimate of the amount of money which could be used in this community.

Legislation is now under consideration in Washington for making loans direct to industrial and commercial firms, and Secretary Gilmeister of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce stated that he would appreciate hearing immediately from any firms who believe they can qualify for federal loans. The telegram follows:

"Chamber of Commerce, Torrance, Calif. I shall appreciate a collect telegram from you stating how much, if any, credit is needed in your trade territory for the purpose of providing working capital for established industrial or commercial businesses with sufficient unincumbered assets and prospects to justify loans having maturities not exceeding five years; such credit not to apply on liquidation of existing debts. Shall also appreciate your indicating to what extent in number the extension of this credit would continue the present employment as well as the numbers by which the payrolls would be increased. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO, JNO. U. CALKINS, Governor."